1	2	3	4	5
25.	Orissa	4797	5265	3.6%
26.	Bihar	3037	3323	4.2%

SOURCE: for Sl. No. 1—26—Directorate of Economics and Statistics of respective State Governments, for All India—Central Statistical Organisation

NOTE:1. Data for Uttaranchal and Mizoram are not available.

2. For the States, per capita incomes are defined as Per Capita Net State Domestic Product for All India, Per Capita Net National Product (NNP) is the measure of Per Capital Income.

For All India, Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Gadgil-Mukherjee Formula

†1046. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Gadgil-Mukherjee Formula;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the recent meeting of National Development Council some States have stated the formula being promoter of non-development;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the NSSO has indicated the under calculation of the population living Below the Poverty Line in various States;

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to provide the correct information about the persons living Below the Poverty Line; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Gadgil Formula as approved by the National Development Council (NDC) in December 1991 is the basis for the allocation of Normal Central Assistance (NCA) for the Annual Plans of States. The Formula takes into account their relatives backwardness as well as their performance in the fiscal front and in achieving national objectives.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) There is wide divergence in the views among the State Government regarding the formula. In general, while the advanced States prefer higher weightage in the Formula for performance, the less advanced States have sought higher weightage for backwardness. Hence the Full Planning Commission in its meeting held on 27th and 29th June, 2001 and discussed *inter-alia* the issue of revision of Gadgil Formula and in view of the divergence of the views among the State Governments and the sensitivity of this issue, it was decided that it would be necessary to discuss this further and evolve a consensus before alternatives are considered by the National Development Council (NDC).

(d) to (f) The Planning Commission follows a uniform methodology for estimation of poverty across all the States. The present method used by the Planning Commission for estimation of poverty is based on the methodology recommended by the Expert Group on 'Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor' (Lakdawala Committee). The Expert Group, which was constituted in September 1989 submitted its Report to the Planning Commission in July 1993. A full Planning Commission meeting chaired by the Prime Minister in March, 1997 accepted the recommendations of the Expert Group with minor modifications. Since then the estimates of poverty at national and State level are being made using the expert group methodology.

Downsizing of Assam Government

1047. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has suggested a drastic downsize in the Assam Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the suggestion was made after prior consultation with the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the State Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. During the Plan discussions for the Tenth Plan (2002—07) and Annual Plan 2002-2003,